

### REMARKS

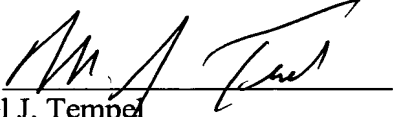
Please enter and consider the foregoing preliminary amendment. Claims 1-26 are pending in the application. Applicants have amended dependent claim 12. In view of the foregoing amendment reconsideration and allowance of the presently pending claims are respectfully requested.

### CONCLUSION

In summary, Applicants respectfully request that all outstanding claim rejections be withdrawn. Applicants respectfully submit that presently pending claims 1-26 are allowable and that the present application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully solicited. Should the Examiner have any comment or believe that a teleconference would expedite prosecution of the pending claims, Applicants request that the Examiner telephone Applicants' undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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